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OU-4 DISPUTE RESOLUTION - NMH-496-93



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This letter is in response to the fax (attached) sent to S.R. Keith on September 24, 1993, which was the draft agreement between Colorado Department of Health (CDH), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Department of Energy (DOE) on the OU-4 Interagency Agreement (IAG) milestone extension dispute resolution. Inherent in that draft is the reduction of schedule reserve in the accelerated closure action schedule from 80 days to 40 days.

EG&G will, as always, do our best to meet your commitments. Realize that the concept of schedule reserve is not an exact science, but that we have applied a rational, analytical method to arrive at a schedule reserve yielding commitment dates with high confidence levels for success. In arbitrarily reducing the schedule reserve, that confidence level is reduced. The DOE needs to understand this. EG&G will do its utmost to meet the dates decided upon

Perhaps more important than schedule reserve is the acknowledgement of the assumptions upon which the schedules are based. These assumptions will be used in the management of baseline scopes, costs, and schedules.

EG&G looks forward with excitement and commitment to execute these accelerated OU-4 actions

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Attachment

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OU-4 (SOLAR PONDS) DISPUTE DRAFT AND FINAL PHASE I RFI/RI REPORT

Decision of the Project Coordinators

All parties have actively and cooperatively participated in a process to resolve the subject dispute as outlined in the Decision of the Project Coordinators dated August 13, 1993. The resulting agreement represents a landmark within the Interagency Agreement (IAG) to streamline the administrative process and accelerate actual remediation work by over one year in advance of baseline IAG milestones. The Project Coordinators agree that the dispute raised by letter dated June 2, 1993 is resolved with the following provisions:

1) The requirements for a draft and final Phase I RFI/RI Report for OU4 (Solar Ponds) are eliminated and thus the milestones are eliminated. This eliminates the original basis for the dispute.

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2) A new IAG milestone is established for "All Solar Ponds emptied of water and sludge" with a date of 1/20/95.

	The following IAG milestones are revised •Submit Draft Proposed IM/IRA DD	as shown.	again my
-	•Submit Draft Proposed IM/IRA DD	4/14/9	94
	(with Enhanced Conceptual Design)		
	•Submit Proposed IM/IRA DD	6/24/9	
	•Submit IM Design Workplan	Eliminate	ed
	(replaced with in-process Design Review)		
	•Submit IM/IRA Responsiveness Summary	11/1/	
	•Submit Final IM/IRA DD and Resp Summary		
	-Submit IM/IRA Implementation Document	Eliminate	ed 🏬 .
	(combined with Title II Design submittal)		
	•Submit Final IM/IRA Title II Design	2/10/	
	•Begin IM/IRA Construction	9/27/	95

The Project Coordinators recognize that implementation of this streamlined approach will require active and continuous coordination between all parties, and jointly pledge an increased level of participation in the administrative and technical design processes. In addition, all parties acknowledge that the revised milestones contained in this agreement represent a significant and responsive acceleration of closure of the Solar Evaporation Ponds (OU-4). As such, the cost profile for the solar ponds has been dramatically altered and exceeds the original planning budget targets for The DOE has informed the CDH and EPA that the FY94 and FY96 acceleration of activities for OU-4 may delay activities on other Operable Units covered by the IAG. Consequently, the CDH and EPA agree that potential budgetary impacts to other operable units will be considered as a basis for good cause schedule extension under Part 42, Item E of the IAG, provided DOE adequately demonstrates efforts to mitigate budget impacts to the other IAG operable units

In a like manner, the DOE agrees that in years where the new Solar Pond cost profile is less than the current budget targets the difference will be utilized for scheduled or accelerated effort on other IAG operable units. In either case all parties expect to jointly consider these changes and acknowledge that requests for milestone extensions will be considered on an operable unit specific basis, utilizing all relevant information.

By their signatures below, the IAG Project Coordinators agree on behalf of their respective parties, to the resolution of the OU4 draft and final Phase I RFI/RI Report dispute as described above.

U.S Environmental Protection Agency Date
Martin Hestmark

U.S. Department of Energy Date

Richard J. Schassburger